

### Welcome

We hope you all have had a wonderful summer holiday with your children and family. After the summer break, the children have quickly settled into their new classes and year groups and we are all looking forward to the year ahead. A special welcome to our newest members of Fairfield Academy including those starting school in our Reception classes – we hope that you will be very happy at our school.



### Safeguarding

Safeguarding is a constant focus for all schools and we have been reminding the children about routines, rules and how to keep themselves safe. After the summer break, it can sometimes take the children a little while to adapt to changes in the autumn term so please be clear with them about arrangements made to meet the children after school at designated meeting points on the playground or surrounding area. We always remind our older children in KS2 that if their designated adult is not there to meet them, to always return to school after a few minutes, where we will supervise them until collected. Please reinforce this message with them.

### Photographs

The Grimsby Telegraph will be in school on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September** to take class photographs of our new starters in Reception. Please inform the office if you do not wish your child to be in the photograph. Please be assured that if you have **not given consent** for your child's photographs to be



taken or shared (on the green forms) your child **will not** be in the class photo. Individual and sibling photographs will be taken in school on **Friday 18th October**. All children should have their cardigan/sweatshirt with them please.

### Lunches

Our new lunch ordering system is now up and running and we would like to thank parents and carers for bearing with us whilst we get to grips with the new arrangements. Just a reminder that hot dinners need to be paid for and ordered on ParentPay by 8am each day and you can of course, order in advance. If you have ordered a hot dinner for your child and your child is absent from school that day, or if you decide instead to send your child with a pack-up, please remember to cancel the ordered hot dinner on ParentPay before the 8am cut-off, otherwise you will still be charged for this pre-ordered meal.



### Nut-Free School

Fairfield Academy aims to be a nut-free school, although we recognise it is impossible to provide an absolute guarantee that nuts will not be brought onto the school site. Our duty is to protect our children who have allergies that can be severe, leading to Anaphylaxis, which can be life-threatening. So we are asking our Academy community for help by not sending or bringing in the following: any nuts or nut products, chocolate spreads (Nutella), granola bars containing nuts, sesame seed rolls, sweets, biscuits, cakes and chocolates containing nut products. This list is not exhaustive so please check packaging carefully. We appreciate your support regarding this matter and if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

## PE

Each class have PE on different days so we advise your child brings their PE kit to school on Monday and takes it home on Friday for washing. They should have a House coloured T-shirt, black shorts (no logos) and suitable trainers/plimsolls. Plain black jogging/tracksuit bottoms may be worn in cold weather. Football shirts and labelled shorts/bottoms are **not** part of our uniform policy. Here are the days each year group will have PE:

Reception – Monday

Year 1 – Tuesday and Thursday

Year 2 – Wednesday and Friday

Year 3/4 – Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday and Friday

Year 5/6 – Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday and Thursday

Any earrings must be removed by the child for PE or covered with plasters which you should provide. We recommend not coming to school in earrings that day, to prevent possible injuries or loss of the jewellery.



## Parking

A reminder to all that it is **not permitted** to park on the yellow zigzags outside of the school gates between 8.00-9.00am and 3.00-4.00pm.

This is for the safety of the children and pedestrians during drop-off and collections. Please could we also ask that when parking on the surrounding roads, that consideration is given to local residents and driveways are not blocked by parked vehicles. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

We now have a designated disabled parking bay – please keep this free for our visitors that require use of this parking space.

We have also installed speed bumps, this is also a reminder that the speed limit is 5mph on school grounds at all times.



## Uniform

The children look incredibly smart in their school uniform as we start the new year. Just a reminder that children should be wearing black or grey skirts/trousers with a white polo T-shirt and a bottle green sweatshirt or cardigan. The academy sweatshirts and cardigans can be purchased from Uniform Direct in Grimsby. Green dresses may also be worn. We expect all polo shirts/collared shirts to be tucked in at all times. Black or grey flat school shoes should be worn.

Please help us to help the children if they lose or misplace clothing and footwear by making sure it is clearly named; a few moments with a pen could save you ££s. We collected a huge amount of lost property by the end of the summer term – please help us keep this to a minimum this year!



The school will not accept any 'extreme' hairstyles. This includes: Mohicans, shapes/logos shaved into, or sprayed onto the hair and coloured/bleached hair. Minimum clipped hair length is a No. 2. Any hair accessories should be in school colours and of a modest size. This means only green, black or grey small bows/ribbons are allowed. If your child comes to school in a large/coloured bow they will be asked to remove it.

Please see our website for the full Uniform policy.

## My Child at School (MCAS)

We will shortly be replacing the MyEd system with an app called My Child at School (MCAS). We will be sending out a letter next week with more details on this so please look out for this.

## Out of School/Breakfast Club

The booking forms for October 2019 OOSC are now available from the school office or the club. Please can we remind you that payments for bookings **must** be made in advance of the club being used to prevent cancellation of places.



### Year 1 Trip

Our Year 1 children will be visiting the Pink Pig Farm on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September. Payments for the trip need to be received in advance by **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September** via ParentPay.

### Year 6 PGL

Year 6 will be attending PGL's Caythorpe Court from the 14<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup> October. Final payments must be made by **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September** via ParentPay. We will be holding a meeting with parents and carers to discuss the final details of the trip on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 3.30pm in Kipling class.



## Aldi's Kit for Schools



We are collecting the GB athlete stickers from Aldi's Kit for Schools promotion. We would need to collect

300 stickers by the beginning of November to receive a school sports kit and be entered into a draw to win £20,000! We would be very grateful if you could collect and drop any stickers off into reception to add to our collection. Thanks in advance!

## Bicycles and Scooters

If your child comes to school on a bicycle or scooter, please can we advise that they wear a helmet and have lights (especially as the darker months are drawing near) for their own safety. They also need to ensure that they lock up their property in our bicycle sheds or new bike rack as we cannot take any responsibility for them – they are brought to school at the owner's risk.



We have also had a few complaints from our neighbours about children riding their bikes at speed on the pavements and catching parked cars. If your child comes on their bike please can you ask them to be careful in our surrounding area especially when it is busy leaving and entering school.

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## Term Dates

- Term 1: 5<sup>th</sup> September to 18<sup>th</sup> October
- Term 2: 28<sup>th</sup> October to 20<sup>th</sup> December
- Term 3: 7<sup>th</sup> January to 14<sup>th</sup> February
- Term 4: 24<sup>th</sup> February to 3<sup>rd</sup> April
- Term 5: 21<sup>st</sup> April to 22<sup>nd</sup> May (school closed 8<sup>th</sup> May for Bank Holiday)
- Term 6: 2<sup>nd</sup> June to 21<sup>st</sup> July

## Dates for your Diary

- 18<sup>th</sup> September – Grimsby
- Telegraph new starter photographs
- 23<sup>rd</sup> September – Y1 Trip Pink Pig Farm
- 24<sup>th</sup> September – Y6 PGL meeting
- 14-16<sup>th</sup> October – Y6 PGL Caythorpe Court
- 18<sup>th</sup> October – individual and sibling photographs

